

**Elder and Deacon Ordination and Installation 9/15/2013**

**The Office of Elder**

The New Testament uses three terms to refer to the same group of leaders:

- Elder (presbuteros) emphasizes the \_\_\_\_\_; who the man is
- Bishop (episkopos) emphasizes the \_\_\_\_\_; what the man does
- Pastor/shepherd (poimen) deals with how he ministers; the \_\_\_\_\_ of a shepherd’s caring heart for the flock

In both the biblical listings of qualifications, only one qualification relates to a function: the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 3), or \_\_\_\_\_ in sound doctrine and \_\_\_\_\_ those who contradict (Titus 1).

Repeatedly the Bible describes Christians as \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Bible God reveals Himself as our \_\_\_\_\_.

Like the *Chief* Shepherd, elders or pastors watch over the flock entrusted to their care by leading, \_\_\_\_\_, and protecting the sheep.

***Responsibilities of Elders***

Passage	Responsibilities
Acts 5:42-6:7	
Acts 14:23	
Acts 20:17-38	
1 Timothy 4:12-16	
1 Timothy 5:17-18	
2 Timothy 4:1-2	

Rule =

Obey =

Heb. 13:17 says that the elder’s work should be a \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible clearly instructs churches to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ elders to shepherd the sheep.

\_\_\_\_\_ is indispensable to Christian leadership.

C. H. Mackintosh: “We can only effectually serve Christ as we are enjoying Him. The man who will present Christ to others must be occupied with Christ for himself.”

**The Office of Deacon**

A deacon is two things: a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_-keeper.

They were chosen to handle the \_\_\_\_\_ needs of the church.

They were chosen to preserve \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.

Elders \_\_\_\_\_ ministry, deacons \_\_\_\_\_ ministry, the congregation \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.

The biblical qualifications focus on \_\_\_\_\_ rather than administrative skills.

Deacons are \_\_\_\_\_ who do whatever is necessary to allow the elders to accomplish their God-given calling of shepherding and \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

Diaconal ministry is done best when we keep the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the office in mind.